

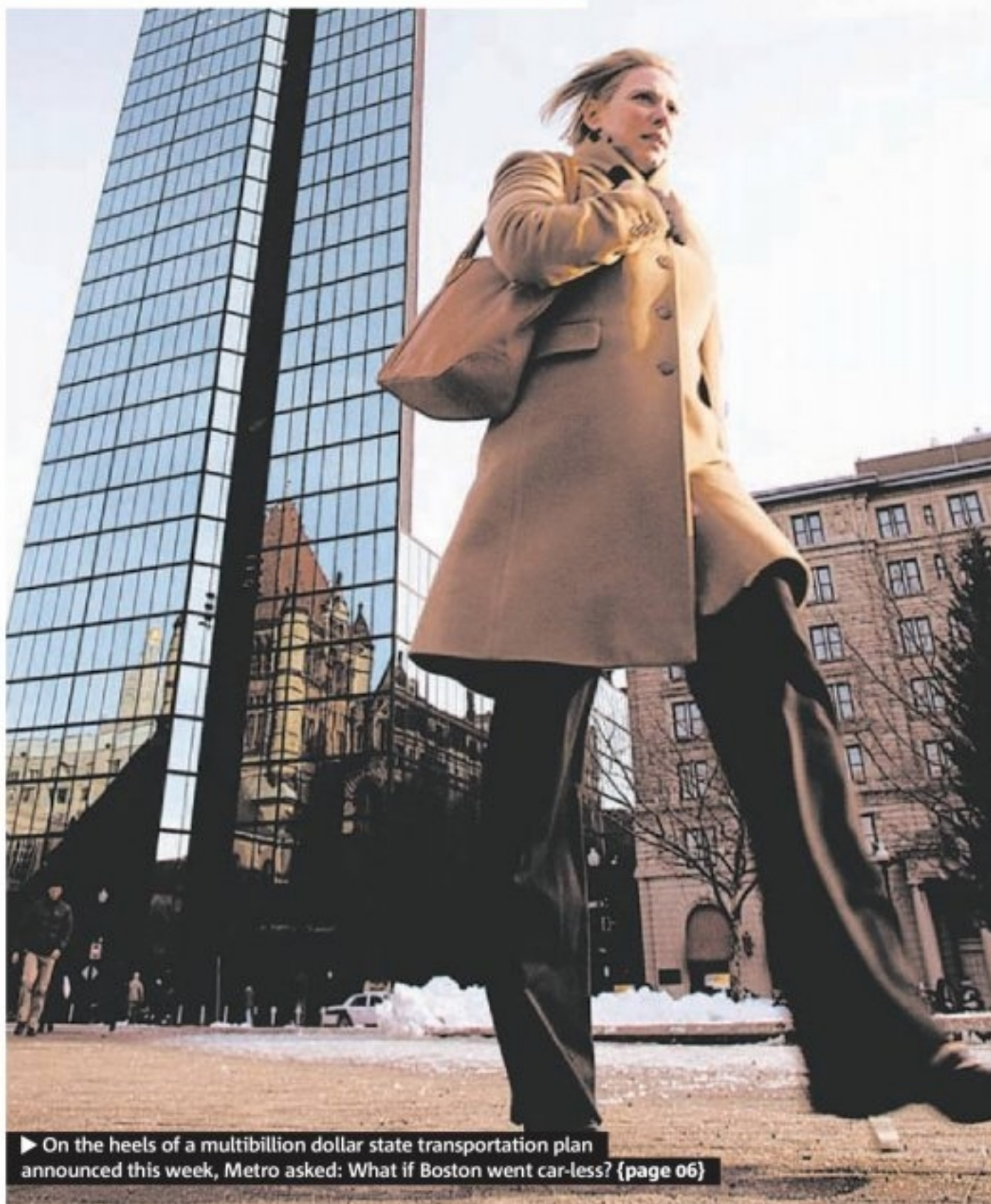
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'Serious' crime decreases on T, assaults on the rise, police say

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By the numbers

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Less than two days after Boston reached 61 degrees, the area was expected to be covered in about an inch or two of snow, according to the National Weather Service. The storm was expected to make a mess of the morning commute, especially in areas north and west of Boston where more snow was anticipated. The snowfall would be over by 7 p.m., according to the weather service. **METRO**

Today's local tweet



"#mbta is full of students coming back today. So many bags. So few people"

@EVANKILEY, WHOSE T-RIDE YESTERDAY RESEMBLED THE INSIDE OF A LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT

In the news



State recognized for animal protection laws

MASSACHUSETTS. The Bay State tied for second with Illinois in a report released yesterday that evaluates state animal protection laws. California ranked first for the fourth consecutive year in the report from the Humane Society of the United States. "Massachusetts has a strong animal fighting law and recently allowed for pets to be included in protective orders," the society wrote. **SHNS**

Nine-time drunken driver faces DUI case

BOSTON. Prosecutors are seeking to keep a South Boston man convicted eight times of drunken driving off of the streets by claiming he poses a danger to the public. Timothy Davidson, 51, was most recently arrested for drunken driving on Saturday when the box truck he was driving hit a car near South Station. He was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing set for Friday. Since 1980, Davidson has been found guilty of drunken driving eight times and had a ninth case continued without a finding, the Suffolk district attorney's office said. **METRO**

Teen found pantless, exposed

MARSHFIELD. A 17-year-old from Weymouth was arrested last weekend after police found him walking in a Marshfield neighborhood with his genitals exposed. Police said officers found Jonah Hoffmann just before 5 a.m. Saturday walking around without any pants or underwear, according to the Patriot Ledger. He allegedly spat and swung his fists at officers, who used pepper spray to subdue him. He also reportedly attacked paramedics. **METRO**

MBTA serious crime fell by 11 percent last year

► Assaults on Boston transit up by 22 percent despite a decrease in other crimes ► Analysis revealed most assaults were due to passenger disputes



► There's no place for murderers, rapists and robbers here.

Serious crimes like murder, rape and robbery decreased by 11 percent on the MBTA in 2012, a report released yesterday by the transit agency said.

Despite the good news, the report also shows that aggravated assault, also considered a serious crime, was up by 22 percent, accounting for 15 percent of all serious crime last year.

An analysis of the assaults did not reveal any pattern or trend, and most were due to passenger disputes that escalated into assaults, Transit Police

66%

Two-thirds of all serious crime on the MBTA involved non-violent property theft, and according to a spokesman for the T, the decrease in violent crime was attributed primarily to a 22-percent drop in robberies.

Chief Paul MacMillan said.

Bicycle thefts accounted for one-third of all larcenies, according to MacMillan.

"While we have had success in decreasing overall theft, bicycle theft continues to be a concern for us," MacMillan said in a statement. "We continue to conduct awareness campaigns, and the MBTA continues to construct 'Pedal and Park' areas to better secure bicycles."



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Transit crimes

by the numbers

The number of serious crimes committed in 2012 are down from 2011.

► Aggravated assault

2011: 124 (11% of serious crimes)
2012: 151 (15%)

► Rape

2011: 1 (0%)
2012: 2 (0%)

► Robbery

2011: 222 (19%)
2012: 174 (17%)

► Larceny

2011: 770 (66%)
2012: 673 (65%)

► Homicide

2011: 1 (0%)
2012: 0 (0%)

"Bike theft continues to be a concern for us."

MACMILLAN

Food. Charity



► Boston Medical Center Pantry assistant Troy Fernandes unloads a pallet of donated goods off an Ocean State Job Lot truck yesterday.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Boston Medical Center's Preventive Food Pantry received a special delivery yesterday — 40,000 pounds of food. The donation was part of an effort by Ocean State Job Lot's charitable foundation. Ten tractor-trailers loaded with a total of 400,000 pounds of nutritious, shelf-stable food items departed yesterday to donate to food banks throughout New England and New York. **METRO**

News in brief

MBTA: \$1 million in mTicket sales

The MBTA's mobile ticketing app reached \$1 million in ticket sales yesterday morning, according to Joshua Robin, the T's director of innovation.

A Lowell Line commuter rail customer pushed sales to \$1 million when he bought his fare at 6:30 a.m. yesterday, Robin said.

"At this point the app has really exceeded our expectation," he said.

"Someone tweeted us that they just bought their [commuter rail] ticket while on the StairMaster. That's what we're talking about when we talk about improving customer experience," Robin said. **METRO/MR**

10%

Nearly 10 percent of all commuter rail tickets were being purchased through the MBTA mTicket app.

35K

About 35,000 people are using the app, and so far there have been about 100,000 mobile tickets used throughout the system.

13%

About 13 percent of 10-ride tickets are bought via cell phone.

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PHL-111: World Religions

(3 credits – Section H1)
Thursday, 11:45 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. (Friday)

PSY-101: Principles of Psychology

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Tuesday, 11:45 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. (Wednesday)

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News in brief

Boston cop faces rape charge

A Boston police officer was suspended and his gun was confiscated after he was charged with rape and indecent assault and battery. Henderson Parker, 45, of Roslindale, pleaded not guilty

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In 2002, Parker, an 18-year veteran of the force, was suspended for 30 days following a physical altercation that resulted in injuries, the Globe reported. Parker was off-duty at the time.

Monday during his arraignment in West Roxbury District Court. A judge ordered him held on \$1,000 bail. Officers responded to a call for a domestic dispute at a Roslindale address just before 11 p.m. Sunday, authorities said.

"On arrival, officers spoke to the victim, who stated that she was sexually assaulted by the suspect," police said.

Parker later turned himself in after learning that he would face

charges, police said. He was suspended with pay and his gun was confiscated pending the outcome of the investigation. The police department's internal affairs unit is also investigating.

Parker, an 18-year veteran of the department, earned about \$110,000 in 2011, according to city payroll records. Parker's lawyer, Thomas Dreschler, told the Globe that Parker denies the charges. **METRO/MN**

Vigil held in Boston for Web activist Swartz

► Handful of participants placing blame for 26-year-old's suicide
► Online petition to remove US attorney in Boston is gaining steam



► Ron Newman, an MIT alum who lives in Somerville, held a sign that read "Who Killed Aaron Swartz?" during yesterday's vigil.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Quoted

"I think he felt betrayed by the system he was going to reform."

SHAVA NERAD, VIGIL ORGANIZER

"I felt it was important for people to make clear the that U.S. overreached here."

RON NEWMAN, MIT ALUM

While the online outpourings of sadness and frustration numbered in the thousands since Internet activist and alleged hacker Aaron Swartz hanged himself Friday, a vigil held yesterday in Boston attracted just four people.

Swartz, the 26-year-old who helped create RSS and co-founder of Demand Progress, was slated to go to trial in April for allegedly hacking into a Massachusetts Institute of Technology system and downloading millions of JSTOR articles with the intent of freely distributing them online.

Shava Nerad, a former software engineer from Salem, organized the vigil outside the federal court in South Boston that also houses the offices of Carmen Ortiz, the U.S. attorney for Massachusetts.

"I would like to see a review in Ortiz's office of how exactly this case got blown out of proportion," said Nerad.

Swartz was indicted in 2011 for the alleged MIT hack and was investigated for his 2008 downloading of millions of documents from the federal court filing archive, according to his

FBI file that he posted online. The archive charges subscribers 8 cents per page.

A statement posted online by his family and partner partially blamed U.S. prosecutors and MIT for his death.

The U.S. attorney's office told Reuters this week that they wanted to respect the family's privacy and did not feel it was appropriate to comment.

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Internal review planned at MIT

MIT's president said the university planned an internal review.

Ortiz's office formally dismissed the charges against Swartz on Monday. The Globe

reported this week that Swartz and his lawyer rejected a plea deal with prosecutors that would have put him behind bars for six months. The charges against him carried prison terms that would have sent him to jail for 35 years.



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"I think what people really want is choice," Landman said. "The ideal situation is not to have no cars, but just to have cars behaving well."

As tempting as it may seem for the city's cyclists, skiers and T enthusiasts, Nicole Freedman of Boston Bikes said that the city banning cars is not a likely scenario, asking:

"Are there any cities that don't have cars?"

"I think the Mayor has done a fantastic job promoting cycling in the city," she said, pointing to a 100 percent rise in cycling since 2007. "The Mayor is strongly behind biking, walking and public transit."

As for Venice's reputation as the car-free capital, Freedman said: "They have boats!"

A 'magical' time

The city's streets were void of all but emergency vehicles for about a week following the Blizzard of '78, a time that Landman, then in her 20s, described as "magical."

"If you want to imagine Boston without cars, just look at those photos," she said. "There was a brief window

when it was a car-free city, and it was a lot of fun. I cross-country skied everywhere. I remember going into a restaurant in Harvard Square and there was a line of skis propped up near the door."

"There was a line of skis propped up near the door."

LANDMAN

A pedestrian utopia: Could Boston ditch the cars?

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► Cycling continues to rise in popularity.

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In the wake of a new, multibillion dollar state transportation plan unveiled Monday, Metro considered an out-of-the-box option that might ease some of Boston's transportation woes: What if the Hub went car-free?

After all, Mayor Thomas Menino has adopted the mantra, "The car is no longer king in Boston." The MBTA has seen a steady rise in ridership, bike-sharing has taken off and driving in the city is a notorious headache.

"That is quite the question," said WalkBoston Executive Director Wendy Landman, who said that while a car-free future may be a stretch for Boston, having a "car-lite" city is not far-fetched.

"When I think of a fantasy city with no cars, Venice comes to mind. There is an incredible amount of freedom that comes with it. You're not worried about being hit by a car." LANDMAN

But if the Hub went car-free for good, Landman said, ideally there would be reliable public transit for people who are unable to walk, run or bike to their destinations.

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In the news

Chemical spill at BU

BOSTON. A chemical spill at a Boston University lab prompted the evacuation of a 12-story building and a hazardous materials response yesterday morning.

Boston fire crews responded to the school's Life Science and Engineering Building on Cummington Mall at about 11:30 a.m., the fire department said.

The spill was reported in a seventh-floor laboratory. There were no reported injuries, and a cleaning crew was sent to the scene.

Because classes do not resume until tomorrow,



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What spilled?

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In the news

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► French troops

Panetta: US has no plans to send troops to Mali

LISBON. The United States has no current plans to send troops to Mali and is still considering how else to help French forces battling al Qaeda-linked fighters there, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said yesterday.

The clarification of Washington's position came as France launched fresh air strikes on the fifth day of its military intervention in the West African nation.

Paris has poured hundreds of soldiers into Mali and carried out air raids since Friday in the northern half of the country, which was seized last year by an Islamist alliance combining

al Qaeda's north African wing AQIM with Mali's home-grown MUJWA and Ansar Dine rebel groups. **REUTERS**

Obama vows no negotiations on debt as talks loom

WASHINGTON. President Obama vowed he won't negotiate over raising the government's debt ceiling even as he offered to deal on a separate track with the deficit reduction demanded by Republicans.

Warning of economic calamity and stalled payments to Social Security recipients, military personnel and government creditors if the \$16.4 trillion debt limit isn't lifted, Obama accused Republicans of holding the nation hostage as he sought to push Congress toward action.

"What I will not do is to have that negotiation with a gun at the head of the American people," Obama said at a news conference, referring to the Republican linkage of increasing the debt limit with deficit reduction. **BLOOMBERG**

White House ban on assault weapons drawing opposition

President Barack Obama will unveil today a package of proposals to cut gun violence, including a ban on sales of assault weapons that faces opposition in Congress even as a majority of the public backs it.

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will be joined by children who wrote to the president with their concerns following the mass shooting last month at a Connecticut school for the announcement, scheduled for 11:45 a.m. at the White House, Jay Carney, the president's chief spokesman, said.

Obama "will broadly address the steps forward he believes we need to take as a nation" to curb gun violence, and a "significant" portion of the proposals will require action by Congress, Carney said. "The president's committed to this."

While Carney refused to preview what the president will introduce, other adminis-



► A message to President Obama at a makeshift shrine to the victims of the elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

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Some want a narrower approach

While allies expressed support for the White House plans, some Democrats urged the president to take a narrower approach that concentrates on expanding

background checks and limiting high-capacity ammunition magazines — proposals that even many gun owners back.

The massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School pushed the issue of gun violence to the top of the president's agenda in his second term. **BLOOMBERG**

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The plan will include 19 separate steps Obama could take through executive action, prompting complaints from Republicans that he will abuse the authority of his office to monitor gun owners and restrict their rights.

tration officials said Obama will ask for universal background checks for firearms buyers and a ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines.

Initiatives to strengthen mental-health checks, tighten school safety, address cultural influences and improve the government's ability to collect information about gun violence, are also on the list.

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Lance Armstrong hits comeback trail

► 'Smart' confession could see reputation restored and even a return to sport ► It could also cost him millions and possibly jail time for perjury

First there was a tear-stained apology to charity staff, to be followed by a humiliating confession for a global TV audience. Lance Armstrong's descent from icon to disgrace has been dramatic, but it may not be irreversible.

Details of the Texan's date with Oprah on Thursday have leaked, most crucially that he confesses to using performance-enhancing drugs after decades of denial. This barely covers the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency allegation that Armstrong ran "the most professionalized and successful doping program in the history of sport," but could still land the ex-cyclist in serious trouble.

The confession could cost Armstrong tens of millions of dollars in lawsuits from the U.S. government, with a possibility of jail time for perjury. The former seven-time Tour de France



► Donations to Livestrong were "twice the normal levels" after the damning report, the charity claims.

Paying the price

What Armstrong could lose:

► **U.S. Justice Department:** \$50 million — value of sponsorship with Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team; it could

also involve fraud claims
► **Prizes and bonuses:** \$16 million, which authorities are now seeking — including \$12 million to SCA Promotions
► **The Sunday Times:** \$1.5 million from a libel case alleging drug use

champion has already received a lifetime ban from cycling and Olympic sports, lost his lucrative sponsorships and resigned from the Livestrong cancer foundation.

"Rebuilding Lance Armstrong's reputation is the biggest challenge imaginable, but it starts now. He has supporters — and if his story is believable, he has a chance," said John David, CEO at David PR, adding that appearing on Oprah Winfrey's show, rather than hard news alternatives, will help as "she would not skewer him."

Other drug cheats have returned to sport, like baseball player Mark McGwire, now a coach. "It won't happen tomorrow, but there's a path back for him if he is smart," says David.

Kieron Monks
METRO WORLD NEWS

Armstrong doc: 'We need to get better tests'

After years of denials, Lance Armstrong has reportedly admitted he used performance-enhancing drugs during his seven Tour de France wins.

"Lance Armstrong does bring out a lot of points and discussion," said Dr. Don Catlin, International Olympic Committee medical commissioner. "The reality is Lance had advisors that were able to keep him from getting positive tests. It's confirmed he's had 200 or 300 tests and never had a positive one."

"That bothers me because I probably did 100 of them myself," Catlin added. "We need to get better tests. Everything that Lance is doing, anyone else can do today and get away with it."

World Anti-Doping Agency

Director General David Howman iterated that Armstrong's soon-to-be televised confession won't change their decision to ban him from the sport. "Whatever he's got to say [in the interview], the lifetime ban against him is not going to be changed at all," he said.

'Blood doping'

► Catlin, who founded many of the modern drug tests used in sporting today, explained that "blood doping" means an athlete used substances that increase the amount of blood in the system, in turn upping the amount of oxygen the blood can carry. This can be done in various ways, including using a substance called EPO or transfusing extra blood into the athlete.

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Cleaning lady accused of stealing train in Sweden and crashing into residential units



► Derailed train after it crashed into an apartment building in Saltsjobaden outside Stockholm

ISABEL SVENSSON/METRO SWEDEN

A cleaning lady in Sweden stole a train and crashed it into an apartment building yesterday.

Investigators were initially stumped as to how a commuter train careened off its tracks and crashed into a kitchen of an apartment in Saltsjobaden, an affluent suburb south of Stockholm, in the early morning hours yesterday.

But it later transpired that the cleaner, a woman in her 20s, managed to start the four-car train, which had no passengers, and take it for a joy ride, according to train operator Arriva.

She drove it at high speed some 1.5 kilometers to the end station on the railway line, before it jumped off the rails and traveled another 25 meters and crashed into the three-story building.

The woman suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries in the crash and was flown to a local hospital, police spokesman Lars Bystrom said. Three families live in the building, but none were injured following the 2:30 a.m. crash, police added.

Quoted

"It is possible to start the train if you have training and access to a key, but exactly how this happened we have no answer to."

ARRIVA SPOKESMAN
TOMAS HEDENIUS

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She drove it at high speed some 1.5 kilometers to the end station on the railway line before it jumped off the rails and traveled another 25 meters and crashed.

A representative of Arriva said it's unclear how the cleaner got the keys to the train and added that she had not previously been employed as a driver.

Gustaf Erikson
METRO WORLD NEWS

In the news

Pope's secretary 'Gorgeous George' on Vanity Fair cover

ROME. Archbishop Georg Ganswein, Pope Benedict's private secretary, who has been dubbed "Gorgeous George" by the Italian



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media, is now a real-life cover boy.

The prelate has landed on the cover of Vanity Fair.

The cover on the Italian edition of the magazine shows the 56-year-old archbishop smiling, his blue eyes beaming, above a headline that reads "Father Georg, It's not a sin to be beautiful."

The magazine calls Ganswein "The George Clooney

of St Peter's" and says it dedicated a cover story to honor his recent promotion to the rank of archbishop and as recognition of his growing power in the Roman Catholic Church.

A spokeswoman for Vanity Fair magazine said Ganswein was not interviewed for the article and did not pose for the cover photo. **REUTERS**

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In the news

US delegation seeks to calm spats between Japan, South Korea

The United States sent its top Asian diplomacy and security officials to South Korea and Japan to calm tensions between two U.S. allies whose squabbling has frustrated efforts to deal with a troublesome North Korea and an increasingly assertive China. The high-powered delega-

The high-powered delega-



► South Korea and Japan held their first high-level strategic dialogue since both countries elected new leaders.

tion from the White House, Pentagon and State Department departed on Monday and will be visiting the region shortly after the election of a new nationalist-leaning Japanese government in December and before Seoul inaugurates a new president in February.

Washington hopes South Korea and Japan can put a lid on spats over history and territory stemming from Japan's 1910-45 occupation of Korea. U.S. officials also seek to reassure Tokyo as it confronts almost daily challenges from China over which has sovereignty of disputed islets in a separate, more dangerous, territorial row with Beijing. **REUTERS**



Pakistan court orders PM's arrest

Pakistan's Supreme Court ordered the arrest of Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf yesterday on corruption allegations, ratcheting up pressure on a government that is also facing street protests led by a cleric who has a history of ties to the army. The combination of the arrest order and the mass protest in the capital Islamabad led by Muslim cleric Muhammad Tahirul Qadri raised fears among politicians that the military was working with the judiciary to force out a civilian leader. However, the ruling coalition led by the Pakistan Peoples' Party has a majority in parliament and lawmakers can simply elect another prime minister if Ashraf is ousted. **REUTERS**

Explosions kill 52 at Syria university as testing begins



► Syrians gather at the scene of an explosion outside Aleppo University, between the university dormitories and the architecture faculty.

Two explosions tore through one of Syria's biggest universities on the first day of student exams yesterday, killing at least 52 people and wounding dozens, a monitoring group said.

More than 50 countries asked the United Nations Security Council yesterday to refer the crisis to the International Criminal Court, which prosecutes people for genocide and war crimes. But Russia — Assad's long-standing ally and arms supplier — blocked the initiative, calling it "ill-timed and counterproductive."

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The number of months the conflict has been raging between the official forces of President Bashar al-Assad and rebels. Bloodshed has disrupted civilian life across Syria since an early 2011 violent government crackdown on peaceful demonstrations for democratic reform turned the unrest into an armed insurgency.

Each side blamed the other for Tuesday's blasts at the University of Aleppo, located in a government-held area of Syria's most populous city.

Some activists in Aleppo said a government attack caused the explosions, while state television accused "terrorists" of firing two rockets at the school. A rebel fighter said the blasts appeared to have been caused by "ground-to-ground" missiles.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 52 people were killed and dozens wounded. **REUTERS**

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— Dorothy Robinson will return on Jan. 21.

No 'Silver Linings' for Jen Lawrence

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► Unlike Bradley Cooper, Rob Riggle seems interested in Lawrence.

Jennifer Lawrence picked up a Golden Globe for her performance in "Silver Linings Playbook," and it's quite possible she'll also be taking the Oscar home — not to mention anyone she wants in the audience that night. The one man in the world who isn't interested in the 22-year-old knockout? Her equally single and equally pretty co-star **Bradley Cooper**.

"I love her to death. She's amazing, but no," Cooper tells Entertainment Tonight about the prospect of him and Lawrence together. "No, no, no, no, no. Not even close."

Wait a minute, Bradley, we didn't quite get that. One more time? "No, not even close."

Ouch. All of a sudden, his silence on our constant creeping doesn't seem so harsh.

Gosling geeks out

No matter how famous **Ryan Gosling** gets, he seems to still enjoy the little things.

"I did this scene in 'Lars and the Real Girl' where I was in a room full of old ladies who were knitting, and it was an all-day scene, so they showed me how," the actor tells GQ Australia. "If I had to design my perfect day, that would be it. And you get something out of it at the end."

You get a nice present. For someone who wants an oddly shaped, off-putting scarf."

Jennifer Lawrence, are you listening to this? Ryan Gosling's oddly shaped scarf is up for grabs!



Gosling

Well played, Ali

In an interview with the Huffington Post, **Tatyana Ali** may have given our favorite answer ever to the standard "What's your favorite guilty pleasure?" question: "Bread pudding with chocolate! And one-night stands."



Ali

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@SteveCarell: Apparently, once you have appeared on television, you are qualified to be a fashion designer.

@kirstiealley: I think I accidentally murdered my pet spider...I stepped on a spider in the hallway ...my under the cabinet spider is MIA

@Sethrogen: I have a very shocking admission to make... I've been doping.

@JimGaffigan: Already resenting that I have to wake up tomorrow.



Carell

Talking points

Stewart, Pattinson sneaking around behind our backs

Kristen Stewart may not have joined **Robert Pattinson** for the Golden Globes ceremony itself,

but when she met up with him at an after-party at the Soho House, the "On the Road" actress wouldn't leave his side, according to Us Weekly. "They hung out and stayed close for over an hour," a source says of Pattinson and Stewart, who arrived in a less-than-red-carpet-ready look of jeans and a backward hat. The pair left with a group of friends.

Hire an editor, Jodie Foster

Much has been made of **Jodie Foster**'s rambling, confusing Golden Globes speech, in which she addressed her sexuality and criticized those who expect her to come out of the closet. But at least one thing is certain: It wasn't improvised. "It didn't take me too long to write," she told E!



Foster

News on her way into the event, before anyone knew what she was going to say. "But there was a lot of whittling down. I had to do a lot of whittling down."

Add legal bills to Lohan's problems

Lindsay Lohan recently parted ways with her long-suffering attorney, **Shawn Holley**, but appar-

ently there's still some unfinished business between them. "Lindsay owes Shawn over \$300,000 in legal fees and she hasn't made any payments to her in over six months," a source tells Radar Online. "Lindsay hadn't paid anything for any of the work Shawn has done on her three new criminal charges of lying to cops in connection with her car accident."

What feud? Carey and Minaj play nice before 'Idol' premiere

Never would've been an 'Idol'

Feud or no feud, the new judges can at least agree on one thing: Neither of them would've tried out for "Idol" themselves had it been an option. "I personally would never have wanted to do this type of show — no offense to the show at all, but I've said that since I first heard about the show," Carey says. "I had to learn in front of the world how to just be and be on TV and sing. It's sort of like what these kids do, only at that time it was, like, 'The Arsenio Hall Show,' and that would be like, 'Here I am!' It was very tough."

No room for rap

For Minaj, her reticence to be a contestant goes beyond just herself.

"Rap and hip-hop are completely different from 'American Idol,'" she explains. "With singing, people do not care what you've necessarily gone through. If it's a great song they're going to love it. I would never go on a show like this as a rapper, and I wouldn't encourage anyone else to come on as a rapper. I don't think it's authentic, and I think if you really look for people to believe you and see you as an authentic rapper, you wouldn't do it."



► From left: Mariah Carey, Keith Urban, Nicki Minaj and Randy Jackson are the Season 12 judges on "American Idol." The season premieres tonight at 8 on Fox.

► The big personalities on the show's new judges panel address rumors of a hostile relationship ► They insist this year is 'about the contestants'

You might have heard that new "American Idol" judges Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj haven't exactly been getting along. Actually, you've probably heard that they've been "feuding."

Well, Carey and Minaj have heard it, too, and they're bored by the reports. "This is a very passionate panel. I think there are a lot of strong personalities," Carey says. "Starting this process, I felt like it was a possibility that there could be differences of opinions. The fighting is what it is. This is 'American

"The whole thing is convoluted. It's a distraction from the show. It's a distraction to the contestants, and I think it's unfair to them. It should be about the contestants."

CAREY

Idol.' It's bigger than all that. It's bigger than some stupid, trumped-up thing."

While talk of discord might make for good gossip reporting, it's not good for the show itself, Carey explains. "The whole thing is convoluted," she says. "It's a distraction from the show. It's a distraction to the contestants, and I think it's unfair to them. It should be about the contestants."

But how are the two — who will be joined by fellow new judge Keith Urban and the re-

turning Randy Jackson — getting along now? Carey insists that "time heals all wounds" and that the whole disagreement "was sort of one-sided," a contention with which Minaj begs to differ. When asked what they did to put an end to any bickering, Minaj goes for a joking response, saying, "I put out a sex tape." But Carey is much more blunt: "I did nothing, and here we are."

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TV watch list



► Nick Kroll and Jenny Slate star as Liz and Liz on "Kroll Show."

GREG GAYNE

'Kroll Show'

COMEDY. "The League" star Nick Kroll fleshes out characters from his Comedy Central stand-up special "Thank You Very Cool," including the wannabe music producer Bobby Bottleservice, and introduces even more, like the annoying PublIZity team of Liz and Liz, for this sketch series. Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., Comedy Central

'Top Chef: Seattle'

REALITY. It's an all-out food fight when the men vs. women Restaurant Wars challenge concludes tonight. 10 p.m., Bravo

'Nashville'

DRAMA. Rayna and Juliette prepare for their first shared-bill concert in San Diego. Keep the backstabbing offstage, ladies. 10 p.m., ABC

'Modern Family'

COMEDY. We're guessing Manny's not going to find the "extra special surprise party" Jay and Gloria decide to throw him for his 14th birthday quite as special as his mom and step-dad view it. 9 p.m., ABC

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Good fortune for the 'Trouble Man'

► T.I. returns to entertainment with a vengeance ► 'It would be preposterous to come back after my hiatus and not acknowledge that there is a rebuilding process'

While his run-ins with the law have been tabloid fodder over the past few years, hip-hop star T.I. is staying focused on diversifying his work. The Atlanta rapper has produced his VH1 reality show "Family Hustle," written two books — "Power & Beauty" and its sequel "Trouble & Triumph" — and used his label, Grand Hustle, to introduce the world to his protege, B.o.B. Now he's adding the success of his latest album, "Trouble Man: Heavy is the Head."

Is he worried that fans of his hard-edged hip-hop will be turned off by how much he has broadened his horizons?

"It would be preposterous to come back after my hiatus and

not acknowledge that there is a rebuilding process," he says. "I'm not the same guy, but I am cut from the same cloth. My morals, my standards are still the same. My actions and my locations might be a tad bit different, but my mind-set and my heart [are] still the same."

The Atlanta-born rapper returned to the charts last month when his eighth album hit No. 2 on Billboard, moving 179,000 units in the first week.

"The response exceeded my expectations. I'm ecstatic that the subject matter and body of work really connected with the audience," he says. "That's an unmatched feeling for an artist."

T.I.'s next challenge is bringing together the stars of his hometown.

"I'm making an attempt at putting together a domestic package that would allow us to go on tour: one that will consist of myself, Trinidad James and I've spoken to Jeezy (and others). I think the new generation, the veterans and the OGs putting together a package will really show the nation what this town has to offer."

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Quoted

"My actions and my locations might be a tad bit different, but my mind-set and my heart [are] still the same." T.I.



T.I. says he is looking to put together a tour that pairs the new generation with the OGs.

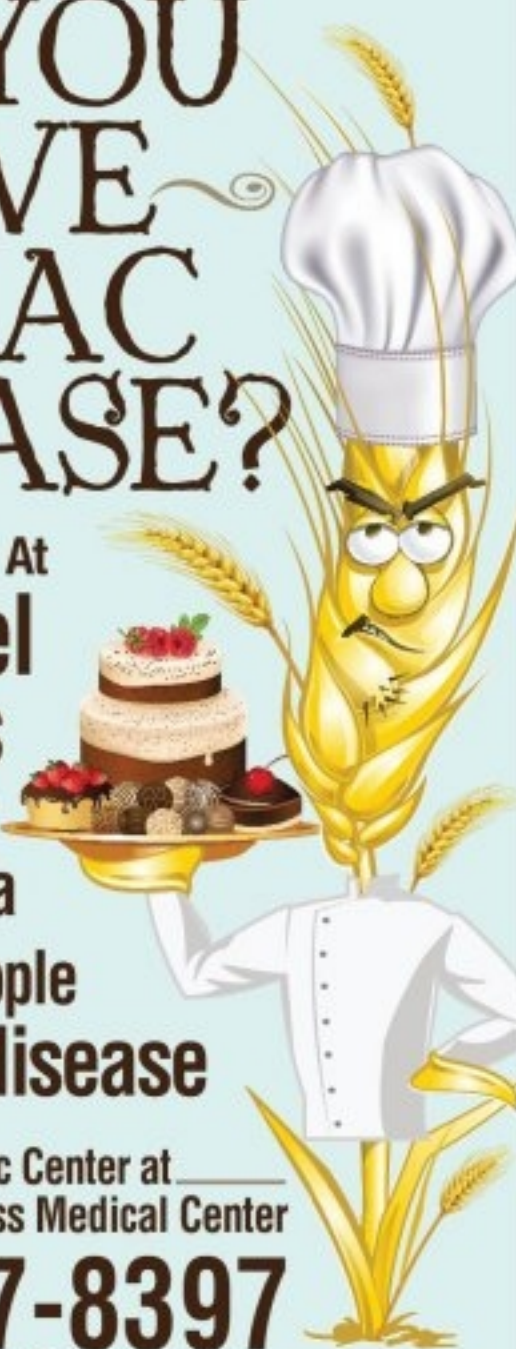
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Facebook unveils a smarter search engine

► CEO Mark Zuckerberg talks up Graph Search, now in beta ► Allows users to ask questions in regular English and find info on friends, photos

Now we know what Facebook is building: a better internal search system.

Speaking at a much-hyped event at Facebook headquarters yesterday, founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced a raft of improvements to Graph Search — that is, the ability to search within your social graph for specifics.

The search improvements involve the ability to ask questions in regular English, such as "Which of my friends live in New York?" The search is now intelligent enough to rank your friends based on how much interaction you've had — so that closer friends will appear higher on the results list.

It can also search based on stories or photos you've "liked." One example Zuckerberg offered: The site can now display which of his friends have "liked" the HBO show "Game of Thrones." You can search for people who "like" multiple products or services, which seems likely to be a bo-

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Photos also can be ranked by which have the most "likes," based on the people most important to you in your friends list. And one of the most helpful capabilities appears to be searching for local businesses that have received a thumbs-up from friends (and their friends).

Graph Search started yesterday in beta and will appear as a blue search bar at the top of your Facebook page. You can sign up for the beta — or rather, join the waiting list for a beta invite — now.

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► Facebook Chairman and CEO Mark Zuckerberg introduces Graph Search features yesterday during a presentation.



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Why is a vegan diet healthier than a nonvegan diet?

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Eliminate dairy. Evidence was found in 1925 that the protein in dairy, casein, pushes up cholesterol levels. Dairy protein is a more prominent problem than

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You've said that some diseases immediately heal when you eliminate animal products. How does that happen?

Our body is always trying to restore health. When a whole food, plant-based diet is adopted, it quickly adjusts in the direction of health. As long as there isn't permanent damage from disease, the right food can reverse disease.



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animal fat.

You've said that low-fat milk is worse than whole milk. That seems counterintuitive.

In the 1940s and '50s, milk fat was deemed to be the culprit and people were told to switch to low-fat. But in low-fat milk, the protein level is increased. So, people ate more dairy protein, making the problem worse.

What about soy: Is there evidence that it is linked to breast cancer?

Soy beans contain estrogen, and estrogen is linked to breast cancer. But the studies show that high levels of estrogen are the problem. The soy bean has estrogen at such low levels that they become anti-estrogenic. They are actually beneficial in preventing breast cancer.

Take baby steps

The Mondays Campaign, the organization behind Meatless Mondays, offers the following stats on why a plant-based diet even just once a week has benefits.

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- ▶ **It helps fight diabetes:** Research suggests that higher consumption of red and processed meat increases the risk of type 2 diabetes.
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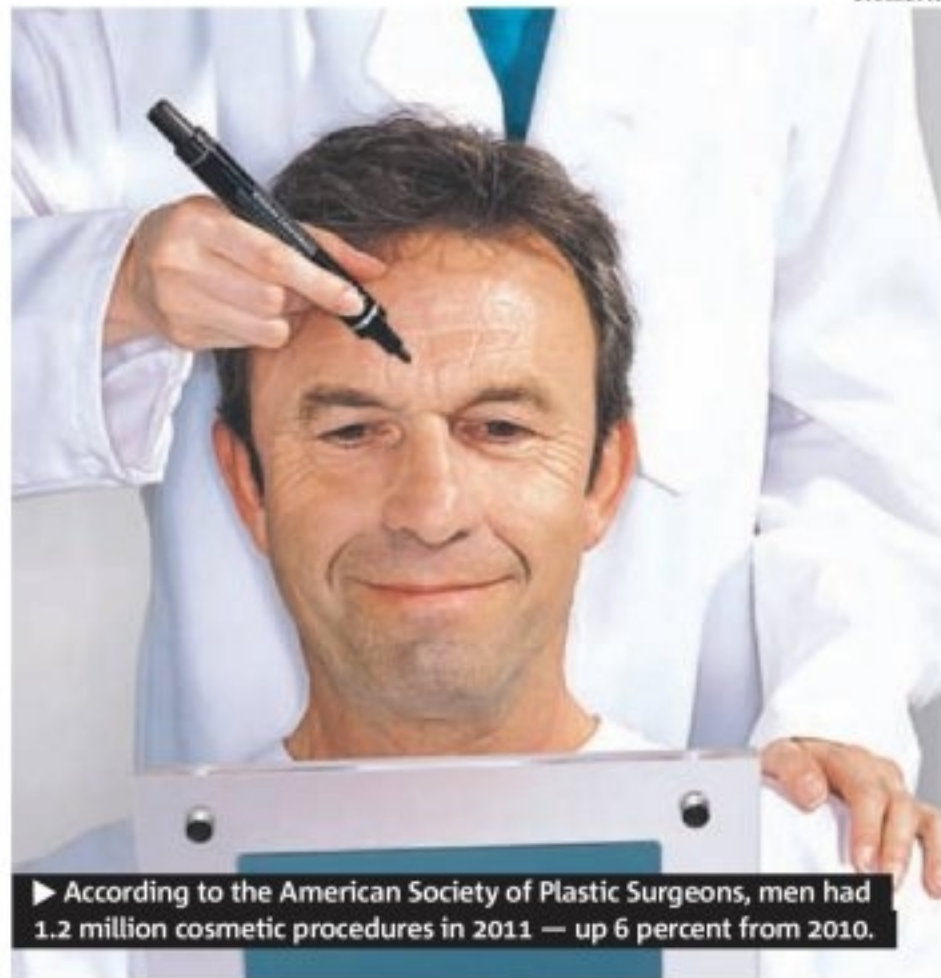
Hey guys: Planning a little tune-up in 2013?

It isn't just about hair gel and moisturizer anymore. The new metrosexual heads to the spa or plastic surgeon for "a little work."

"It now accounts for 25 percent of my patients and it's increasing steadily," says Dr. Mitchell Chasin, a cosmetic physician and medical director of New Jersey's Reflections Center for Skin and Body. "I used to have Vogue and Cosmo in my waiting room; now, I have Sports Illustrated and car magazines," he says.

Some treatments aren't just

10% Plastic surgery procedures attributed to men, an **121 percent** increase from 15 years ago, according to American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery



vanity — "Male acne can be devastating," says Dr. Chasin — but men are lining up for lipo, Botox and fillers. "Five years ago, it was very uncommon," he says, "now we're doing it all the time. We call it 'Brotox.' Men do the same things women do, but they approach it differently. Most men don't want downtime or are hesitant to have people know. They tend to take it more slowly than women, a little here and there."

Though there are some physical differences — men have heavier facial muscles, they don't lose facial fat like women and they generally don't have cellulite — the motivation is the same.

"They're doing these treatments to feel good," Dr. Chasin says.

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Teeth, too!

According to American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, nearly one-third of all patients of cosmetic dentistry are males.

"In recent years, I've observed an increase in the number of male patients who want to cosmetically enhance their smiles," says Dr. Irwin Smigel, cosmetic dentist and creator of Supersmile teeth-

whitening products. "This is a substantial increase since the last decade or so, due to the increasing importance put on physical attractiveness. Men, especially career men ages 35 to 65, are more image-conscious due to our modern society. Having a better smile may increase a man's confidence and help bolster his career and personal relationships."



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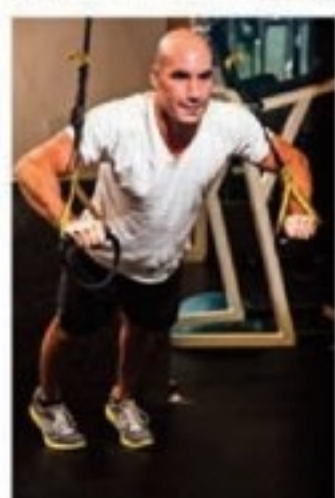
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Franklin's got the right idea when it comes to our rights

RE: "FORGET ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS — LET'S MAKE SOCIETY SAFER" (METRO, JAN. 15) Letter writer Dan Venzon says, "Forget about rights and constitutional amendments!" Great idea, let's take away free speech and our right to pursue life, liberty and happiness while we are at it. Can we appoint Obama a king and go back to living under a monarchy? Oh wait, Biden already did that when he suggested using executive orders to strip us of our Second Amendment rights. Let's check with what Attorney General Holder thinks — oh wait, he's too busy selling "assault weapons" to Mexican cartels as part of Operation Fast and Furious. I'm glad that our government sees fit to arm sur-

Quoted

"Remember the words of a Philadelphia resident: 'Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.'"

BOB FARLEY, VIA E-MAIL,
QUOTING BENJAMIN FRANKLIN;
RE: "FORGET ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS — LET'S MAKE SOCIETY SAFER" (METRO, JAN. 15)

rounding nations but wants to take away my ability to protect my own family.

GEOFFREY T. GRAYSON, VIA E-MAIL

Some would deny me my right to own a large caliber weapon. In return, I deny them the right to own a fast car. I decree that no one needs a car capable of more than 30 mph, except the army and police. Fast cars kill far more than slow ones, and even more than guns in the hands of crazies. We MUST do something to stop the carnage!

DAVID BRYCE, VIA E-MAIL

Hey, Dan, you can forget about your rights, I choose to keep mine. Once you allow a government to take your rights they will NEVER give them back. Just like a new tax is never rescinded. Throwing away the constitution and banning assault rifles

won't solve anything. Tim McVey didn't use a gun and he killed 165 people. Crazy people will always find a way to do bad things, without removal of our rights.

MARC MALOOF, VIA E-MAIL

As a non-gun owner and a veteran, I read, in disbelief, Mr. Venzon's suggestion that we "forget about rights and constitutional amendments." Forget about the rights? Rights that made this country great? That were purchases and protected by the blood of our young men?

And what amendments should we forget? The Second? The First? Maybe the Fourth and Fifth and even the 14th? As for me, I would prefer a free society with all its risks than the safety offered by Big Brother.

I wonder, who is more dangerous — a citizen with an assault weapon or citizens, like Mr. Venzon, who lack understanding of how precious our rights are and of the cost this nation paid for their protection. In my opinion, backed up by history, it is the latter!

JESSICA PHILLIPS, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♈ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. It would do wonders for you to try to alter your weekday routine a bit. Plan to do something fun with the family that you would usually reserve for weekends.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Make a concerted effort to stay in contact with family and/or friends who are extremely important to your immediate plans. They'll be more inclined to help if you're in close proximity.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Don't hesitate to think bigger-than-life when putting together a financial endeavor. Conditions are exceptionally good for you to pull off something on a grand scale.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. What works out well for you is likely to do so for those with whom you're directly involved. This is because everyone is apt to be looking out for one another's interests.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Think positive and keep the faith; at the very times when things look like they're going against you, your associates are likely to come through.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Even though it might look like you're behaving extravagantly, what you're really doing is trying your best to make a solid investment of good

will in your relationships.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. This might be one of your better days to talk to influential people about helping you advance a big personal ambition. If you want to succeed, you must be as forthright as possible.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. If you've been restless lately and have the means to do something about it, this might be a good time to make some travel plans.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. This could be a profitable day in more ways than one. Although you might gain financially, you'll also learn something valuable in the process.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Persons with whom you'll have one-on-one dealings, either socially and commercially, are likely to treat you in a more bountiful fashion than usual. Be just as generous in return.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Your motives for helping others will be honest and sincere — yet owing to conditions of which you're unaware, you'll be the one who stands to benefit the most from your actions.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Although your rabbit's foot might not be working in high-risk situations, you still could be very lucky when dealing with someone with whom you share strong emotional bonds.

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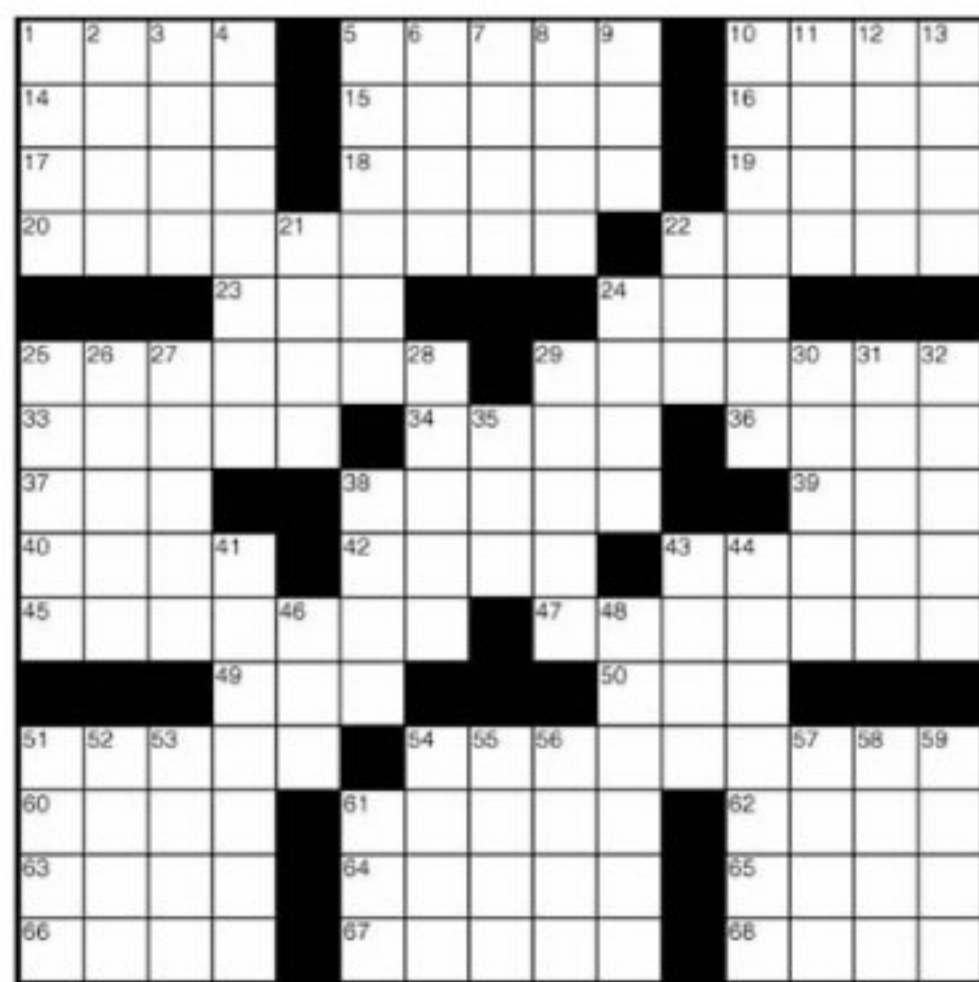
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18 Cornered (2 wds.)
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20 Fervent wish (2 wds.)
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33 Accumulate
34 "Oh, wilderness were paradise —!"
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6 — meridiem
7 Ms. McEntire
8 Sir's companion
9 Sneaky
10 Evening service
11 Canyon effect
12 Q.E.D. part
13 Toupees
21 Karate levels
22 Coral habitat
24 Lascivious

- 25 Locust bean
26 It divides to multiply (var.)
27 Spaghetti sauce herb
28 Londoner's tube
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Ravens are peaking at right time, much like Patriots

► Baltimore not as 'beat up' as most think ► Flacco has stepped up game when it matters most ► QB thrives when going deep downfield ► Special teams advantage goes to Ravens

While film of the last two meetings between the Patriots and Ravens will undoubtedly be watched, neither game will mean a whole lot come Sunday.

This is the Patriots looking to return to the Super Bowl and win that elusive fourth one. This is the Ravens looking to prove everybody wrong and ride the momentum of Ray Lewis' retirement party all the way to New Orleans.

One thing is clear: Both teams deserve to be here.

The Ravens aren't "beat up on defense and underwhelming on offense" this postseason. Joe Flacco leads all NFL postseason QBs with a 120.0 QB rating. Ray Rice is second in rushing yards with 199 in two games. Anquan Boldin is first in receiving yards, at 216. Ray Lewis is first in tackles, at 30, with two other Ravens holding down the No. 2 and No. 3 spots. Paul Kruger and Terrell Suggs rank in the top five in sacks, while Corey Graham is tied for first with two picks – both against Peyton Manning.

Oftentimes it's the hottest team – not the best – that goes on to win the Super Bowl. See: New York Giants.

Joe ain't no joke

in January

Joking on Ravens QB Joe Flacco used to be all the rage. But Flacco has flipped the script in the postseason.

In his last three playoff games, dating back to last year's AFC Championship game against the Patriots, Flacco has a combined QB rating of 112.4. He is averaging 306 yards passing in those games.

New England is hot too. Their talent is well-documented around these parts. And as they've done each and every game this season, they'll take the opponent seriously.

"They have some great receivers over there, guys with speed," Patriots safety Steve Gregory said. "[Joe] Flacco has a big arm. He makes good decisions with the football, so they have the ability to beat you in many ways, and definitely over the top is one of them."

Against the Broncos, Flacco threw three deep touchdowns,



► Joe Flacco is proving to be a big-time performer in the postseason.

two to Torrey Smith for 59 yards and 32 yards, respectively, and one to Jacoby Jones for 70 yards with 31 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game.

Jones is a huge threat in the kick return game as well. He was named First Team All-Pro as a kick returner, averaging

more than 30 yards per return. The Pats have been solid in return coverage as a whole this year, despite the recent big returns given up vs. Houston last week, and another to the 49ers a month ago.

"You go back to the basics," special teams captain and All-Pro Matt Slater said. "Go back to

the fundamentals and the rules that we have as coverage players. Doing our jobs better; doing our assignments better. It's been a strength for us this season, kickoff coverage, and I'm confident that we'll get it fixed."

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In the news



Father vs. son

Celtics coach Doc Rivers will undoubtedly have mixed feelings tonight (8 p.m., CSN) when he coaches for the first time against his son, Austin, a rookie point guard for the New Orleans Hornets.

"It's just a strange thing. It doesn't happen often," Rivers told USA Today.

In the news

Francona, Epstein rip Sox owners in new book

Apparently the "TV show" was more important than, ya know, actual baseball after all for Red Sox owners.

As Red Sox TV ratings on NESN slid during the 2010 season, owner John Henry, chairman Tom Werner and president Larry Lucchino made it a priority to sign "sexy players" during the offseason, according to a new book authored by the Boston Globe's Dan Shaughnessy titled "Francona: The Red Sox Years."

The team went on to trade for Adrian Gonzalez and



► Terry Francona

signed Carl Crawford to a seven-year, \$142 million deal that offseason.

"They told us we didn't have

any marketable players. We need some sexy guys," former general manager Theo Epstein was quoted as saying.

"I don't think they love baseball," Terry Francona said about the Red Sox ownership group in the book. "I think they like baseball. ... It's still more of a toy or hobby for them. It's not in their blood. They're going to come in and out of baseball. It's different for me. Baseball is my life."

Werner also told Francona that the team had to try to win in "more exciting" ways, according to the book. **MATT BURKE**

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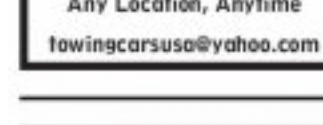
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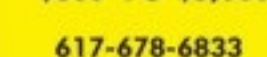
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► The Swanson House is set in woodland and features many large windows to emphasize its surroundings ► The price on this mid-century modern in Lincoln just dropped by \$60,000

Not only is the Swanson House in Lincoln one of the coolest houses on the Greater Boston home market right now — that is, if one's taste errs on the modernist side — but this home just got cooler: The price dropped by almost \$60,000!

This prime mid-century modern home is set in woodland, but it has easy city access, too. The house was custom designed by M.I.T.-trained modernist architect Walter Pierce and follows modernist design principles with windows that draw the eye to nature, and open-plan living without fussy embellishments.

The development is called Brown's Wood. The area became farmland in Colonial times before it was developed in the early '50s by a co-operative of would-be homeowners. The development also included the creation of Valley Pond, a members-only recreation area with a swimming pond.

Built in 1956, the house added a carport with storage in 1961 and a flagstone patio was built in 1998. It has a fire pit, waterfall and koi pond, too. Development of the lower level was finished last year to create a self-contained granny suite or home office, with a kitchenette, full bathroom and separate entrance.



► From the outside, it may look like the Brady Bunch moved to Massachusetts — but inside, the Swanson House is a different story.



► The bedroom lets in a lot of natural light.

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"The Swansons were the original owners who commissioned Walter Pierce to design the house. Walter designed the Peacock Farm archetype house in Lexington and started developing the neighborhood of the same name," says listing agent Bill Janovitz. "What makes that and this Brown's Wood neighborhood so interesting is that this was a very optimistic time in the Boston area. You had these brilliant people designing planned modernist neighborhoods — generally with affordability in mind — for the post-war young families moving out to the suburbs."

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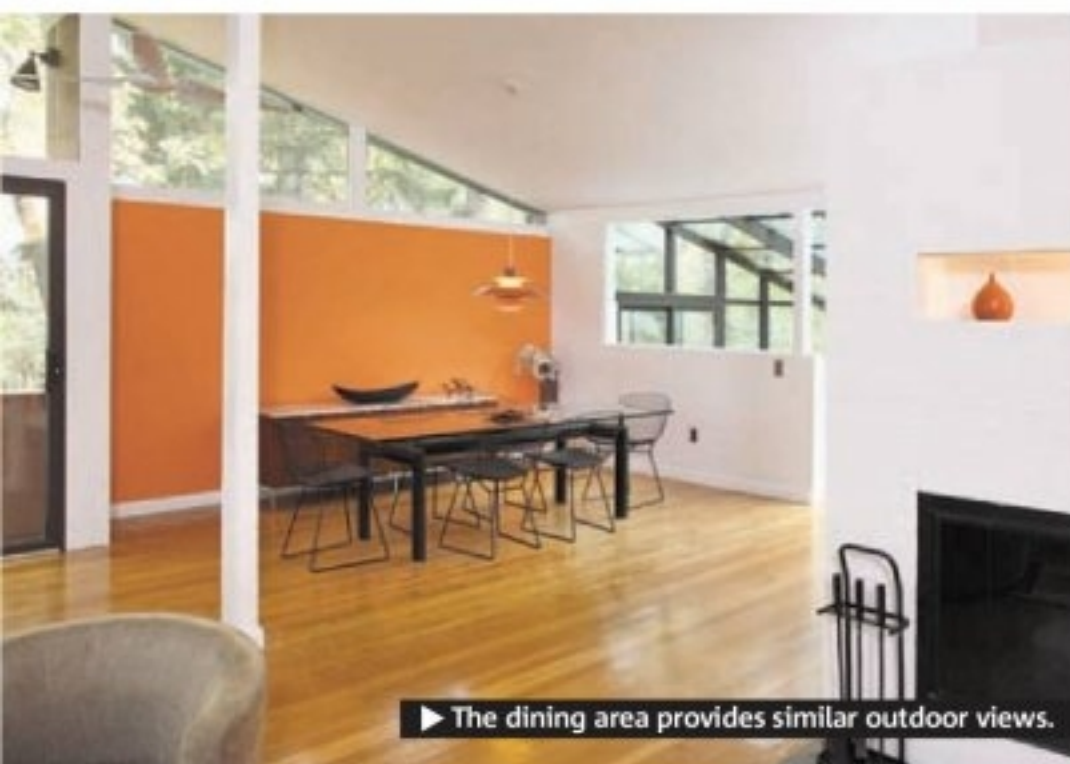
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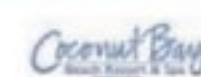
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